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THE PRIZE A WEEK'S TRIP TO VENEZUELA DOWN AND BACK BY AIR,
ALL AS THE GUEST OF PRESIDENT ROMULO GALLEGOS, WHO WAS OUR SPEAKER ON
JULY SEVENTH. IN CARACAS, THE MEMBER WILL BE THE PERSONAL GUEST OF
THE PRESIDENT...

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OR HUSBAND (BONAFIDE, SO HELP US AND SPECIFIED BY THE PRESIDENT)

THE DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE ABOUT SEVEN P.M. SO PLAN TO BE AT THE
CLUBROOMS AT THAT TIME.

MEMBER SPEAKING RICHARD TREGASKIS, AUTHOR OF "GUADALCANAL DIARY", BACK
FROM TEN MONTHS IN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST. DICK
WAS REPORTING FOR FAWCETT PUBLICATIONS AS ROVING EDITOR. HE HAS GONE BACK TO
HIS WAR HANGOUTS AND THERE IS SOME SERIOUS AND THEN SOME FUNNY TALES TO BE TOLD.

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There will be a meeting of the Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday evening, September 28th at 5:30 P.M. in the clubrooms, according to John Barkham, Chairman. Members of the Committee, who have received individual notices, are George Kent, Reavis O'Neal, Ed Hunter, Bob LaBlonde, Ken Austin, Matthew Huttner, Leo Branham, Bob Brumby, Anne Marie Jungmann, Thomas B. Morgan, Ken Porter and John Moroso.

Bill Bird of Tangier, North Africa, is responsible for the formation of the American Club there. He is President. However, OPC members in Paris miss him very much as he was long secretary of the Anglo-American Press Club.

Bernard Redmont of the U.S. News and World Report left last week for South America after a vacation in the States and a few weeks' stint in the Washington office. He will return to his post in Buenos Aires via Rio de Janeiro.

Bill Downs of CBS reported this week on the world news round-up of the station that Berlin, where he is now stationed, is debating about the question of Berlin and Germany being referred to the UN meeting now going on in Paris.... Ed Murrow of CBS is spending two weeks or more in Berlin ... with him, is John Daly, of CBS. They flew from Washington, D.C. last week.

Bill Chaplin of NBC is on the Dewey Train covering the Republican candidate's trip through the States on campaign...

Dave Boguslav, editor of the Manila Times and correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, would like to ask Red Mueller, NBC London, if he remembers the afternoon he and Don Weiss and Dave covered in terror behind a stack of cases on the jetty at Tarakan while the Japs were laying mortar down on the beachhead. It seems that "Red" looked at the cases in an off moment and read the labels "Ammunition - Small Arms". His exact words were "Jesus God, let's get the hell out of here".

Walter Simmons, new member, correspondent for the Chicago Tribune in Tokyo, is reported to have been in Manila recently (a member in the Far East who relates this story writes that no club can be Overseas Press without Walt) and found himself in a tight squeeze (details censored). Walt, who isn't little, said "This is like getting back into your Mother."

The Manila Overseas Press Club had its annual election last week and elected Dave Boguslav President. Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, was elected an honorary life member.

Dick Thomas, formerly Associated Press in Paris and recently intelligence officer in Japan, has joined the advertising department of the N.Y. Times.

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Fred Rosen of World Video, in cooperation with "Field and Stream" magazine, is doing a new television show of hootin-tootin outdoor stuff, called "Field and Stream of the Air"... he has also arranged a new show called "Here's the Story" with OPC member Quentin Reynolds as the narrator. It is a combination live and film series of weekly background news issues treated in documentary manner.

HELP..... HELP..... CLUB SEEMS TO HAVE LOST TRACE OF WALTER DURANTY IN LOS ANGELES: EDD JOHNSON IN CALIFORNIA: RONALD SCHILLER IN NEW YORK... LET US KNOW IF YOU KNOW WHERE THEIR MAIL CAN BE FORWARDED.

Gretta Palmer has a new book on the Winter list of Appleton-Century. Title is "God's Underground" by Father George (as told to Gretta Palmer). The book relates the fight being waged in dictator-dominated Europe against totalitarian atheism.

Lynn Heinzerling of the Associated Press is now stationed in Geneva, Switzerland... Frances Cinelli, guest member from Italy, is on a writing trip to Europe... Ellen Albin has returned to the States from England.

Eddy Gilmore of the Associated Press in Moscow sends best wishes and writes that the Bulletin arrives at any time, if ever, as they don't get much mail at the end of the line.

O. W. Riegel, former Treasurer of the Club and head of the Department of Journalism of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., dropped into the Club last week on a short visit to New York. He reported the fourth addition to his family, a son named Mark.

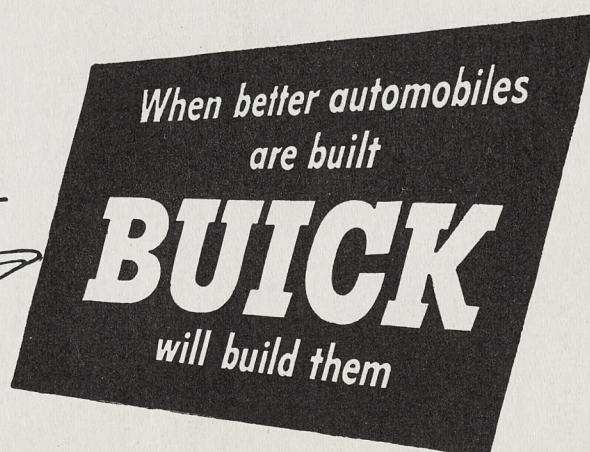
WANTED... APARTMENTS FOR MEMBERS. ONE MEMBER (GENTLEMAN) WOULD LIKE TO SHARE AN APARTMENT WITH ANOTHER OPC MEMBER SO THAT A LARGE APARTMENT COULD BE OBTAINED... ANOTHER WOULD LIKE A THREE-ROOM APARTMENT ON THE EAST SIDE... ANOTHER IS LOOKING FOR A FURNISHED ROOM ON UPPER EAST SIDE FOR ABOUT EIGHTY BUCKS A MONTH.

HOSTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28th...: Monday, Sept. 27th.. Jack Doorty; Tuesday, Sept. 28th.. Larry Blochman; Wednesday, Sept. 29th.. cocktail party; Sept. 30th, Thursday.. William Atwood. The next meeting of the House Committee will take place on Tuesday, October 5th at 5:30 P.M. in the clubrooms. Until further notice, the club is open the first four nights of the week until 10 P.M. but closed over the weekend.

Devere Allen, editor of the Worldover Press, has just returned from fifteen months reporting in Europe for his weekly news Bulletin which many OPC members subscribe to. Allen has been everywhere in Europe and is an editor of long standing. His reports have been an illuminating supplement to the daily news reports. He says that the Club is more active than it has ever been and that the Bulletins were welcome arrivals wherever he was in Europe because they kept him informed on club activities and members.

Dick Hyman will have a new book published on October 8th by Duell, Sloane and Pearce called "OF ALL FOOL THINGS!" The book contains a collection of nonsensical Americana; has a foreword by Jimmy Durante and cartoons by Otto Soglow and Bob Dunn.

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Thurston Macauley of the Blue Danube Network in Vienna, Austria, reported some time ago that the Bulletin had played Cupid because it was through an item in it that he met Doris Reubens, author of "Bread and Rice"; married her, took her to Vienna and now has a son, Theodore, born in May 1948. Thurston points out that when he first arrived in Austria the Tass correspondent used to go to all of the US, British and French press affairs but now, they ignore all invitations. They don't show up and that's that.

Charles Rosecrans, Jr. of International News Photos in Tokyo dropped into the club today (Sept. 21st). He was one of twelve correspondents in Tokyo who flew to the United States from Japan on a special flight of B-29's to celebrate Air Force Week. They arrived as similar planes flew in from Europe. Other OPC members who arrived were Bill Costello of CBS, Carl Mydans of Time, Inc.; Bill Jessup of McGraw Hill, Inc.; Keyes Beech of the Chicago Daily News. Other newsmen from Tokyo included Horace Brystel of Fortune magazine; George Folster of NBC; Dick Ferguson of Acme newspictures; Rich of INS; and Lindsay Parrot of N.Y. Times. They were going back on Thursday, Sept. 23rd. One of the six planes was grounded in Alaska. Each plane carried two newsmen, twelve in all.

News from Tokyo carries the headline that Keyes Beech is the President of the Tokyo Correspondents Club - the club has a split at the moment and out of sixty correspondents, (the number varies from fifty to sixty), fifteen have left the club because of a difference of opinion. The new group for the moment has George Folster of NBC as its Chairman and meets in the Shiba Park Hotel for lunch. This crowd have plans to call themselves the Overseas Press Club of Japan. The Tokyo Correspondents' Club still has its five-story building, although most of the correspondents live in private homes. Dick Hughes, Australian correspondent, is no longer secretary of the Club.

Amy Vanderbilt has an article in the September 18th issue of the Christian Science Magazine Section entitled "Business in Blue". It is the story of violets which find their way into the Flower Shops and is the basis of an extensive industry.

Charles Engelke of the United Press has been transferred from Washington to the Philadelphia office as business representative. Maybe we will see Charley at more meetings of the Club now that he is nearer New York.

J. Carlisle MacDonald, formerly of the N.Y. Times and now with the U.S. Steel Co. as head of public relations, is the author of an article in the Public Relations Journal of September entitled "Public Relations at the Employee Level."

Fred Sparks of the Chicago Daily News in Greece has just covered the Olympics and says that he saw some lads in the press rooms that he had not seen since the early Jap occupation days -- Rickerby of Acme Newsphotos and O'Malley of AP (now in Berlin). Fred writes that the last time he saw George Polk and his charming wife was when they gave an Easter party on a picture postcard inlet outside of Athens. Present were Kingsbury Smith, chief, INS, Paris; Ross Hazeltine, now UP Paris, and Hamilton Fish Armstrong, editor of Foreign Affairs and others.

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Max Desfor, in a special article for Editor and Publisher, (Sept. 18th issue) writes of the difficulties involved in coverage of India. Desfor, new member of the club, is Associated Press photographer in India and has covered most of the news there, including the recent death of Moslem leader Jinnah.

The torrid heat wave of August 28th bit right into our picnic at Egbert White's Farm, but the more than half a hundred members who drove up to the pine-cool outing were rewarded with the sweetest corn (just picked that morning) they had ever tasted, more beer than they could drink and a welcome dip in the lake. Several members came by train but rode back... every one ate his share of hotdogs, tomatoes, rolls, ice cream, marshmallows, etc., etc., etc. One noticed in swimming clothes that Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Major are "expecting" and sure enough in the Winchell column the next day, the news was there.

Wambly Bald was present - resplendent in a tropical uniform which the N.Y. Post had bought - in return for which Bald had walked up Broadway.- He then wrote a feature story about how scads of people followed him. Was he embarrassed...

Bert Brandt, Acme newspictures; Hester Hensell, secretary, and Hal Lee, editor of Pan American magazine, had a swimming race across the lake. Spectators are in doubt as to the winner. Some hearty swimmers yelled to the Treasurer, Ralph Frantz of the N.Y. Herald Tribune, to come out and collect their dues... Well, it was quite a picnic.

ALL MEMBERS WERE SENT ORDER BLANKS FOR THE THIRD OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB BOOK ENTITLED "AS WE SEE RUSSIA" PUBLISHED LAST WEDNESDAY BY E.P. DUTTON AND CO. THIS ORDER BLANK WILL COVER AUTOGRAPHED COPIES ** MANY MEMBERS HAVE GONE INTO THEIR FAVORITE BOOKSTORE JUST TO BE SURE THE BOOK IS ON THE COUNTER... LET'S HAVE SOME COOPERATION, BOYS AND GIRLS.

Tom Wallace, retiring editor of the Louisville (Kentucky) Times, was tendered a dinner by newsmen, state and national officials last week. Tom has been editor for nearly a quarter of a century and now becomes editor emeritus, writing three columns a week for the editorial page.

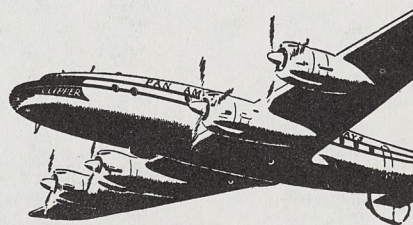
Call the Club for box seats to the US Air Force Show at Madison Square Garden on Saturday, Sept. 25th at 8 P.M. A plaque will be presented to the Overseas Press Club of America in recognition of the achievement of newsmen who lost their lives during World War II. Citation will read:

"Presented to the American Press and Radio by the United States Air Force in grateful recognition of the success of that profession in telling the story of the air war during World War II and in memory of those reporters who gave their lives in so doing."

Hester E. Hensell, Editor

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